

**INDIANA ARTS COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

June 22, 2010

IAC Office, 100 N. Senate Avenue, Room N505
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Jeanne Mirro, Chair

Minutes

Members present: Dick Stifel

Members via teleconference: Jon Ford, Karen Ellerbrook, Jeanne Mirro, Earl Williams

Members absent: Judy Hess

IAC staff present: Lewis Ricci, Michelle Anderson, Dennis Hardin

Note: Due to lack of quorum, no actions were taken during this meeting

1. **Approval of Agenda and March 11, 2011 Minutes.** Commission Chair Jeanne Mirro opened the meeting at 9:35 a.m. and asked everyone to introduce themselves. No action was taken on the consent agenda.

2. **Financial.** IAC Executive Director Lewis Ricci presented a handout (attached) showing the FY 2011 IAC budget current through June 17, 2011. He then presented a handout (attached) showing the projected FY 2011 end-of-year budget. He then presented a handout (attached) showing the proposed FY 2012 budget, contingent on final numbers from the FY 2011 budget, which will not be finalized until after the fiscal year has ended. He asked the committee for a consensus on approval of the FY 2012 budget, and the committee concurred. The committee will vote formally on its budget recommendation prior to the next meeting of the full Commission on June 30, 2011.

3. **Grant Allocations for FY 2012.** Mr. Ricci presented handouts (attached) which were reviewed and recommended for approval at the latest meeting of the Program Evaluation Committee on June 16. The Executive Committee came to a consensus that it did not need to formally endorse the PEC's recommendations, and that the grant allocations previously approved by the PEC could be brought directly before the full Commission for final approval at its next meeting on June 30. Mr. Ricci went on to discuss other grant program issues that he feels should be addressed in the near future, such as consistency of panel scoring state-wide, and consistency of award amounts tied to scores state-wide. He has also had some input from Regional Arts Partners concerning the creation of more grant categories, with each category being narrower in focus. He also remarked that only one organization was selected to receive a Statewide Arts Service Organization (SWASO) grant, and recommended that IAC staff provide for assistance to other eligible organizations so that they too have a better

chance at qualifying for SWASO grants. He also recommended that IAC staff work specifically with organizations that scored “marginally” in all grant categories, so that they can improve their panel scores in future grant cycles. All in all, he wants to raise the bar state-wide in panel scoring, and the committee concurred with his ideas. IAC Deputy Director Michelle Anderson suggested that comparative analyses could be drawn up to demonstrate how “normalizing” panel scores state-wide would affect grant amounts. Mr. Ricci recommended that an ad-hoc panel consisting of Commissioners, IAC staff, and Regional Arts Partners be convened to discuss these issues and recommend changes. Commissioner Dick Stifel stressed the importance of including Regional Partners in the discussions.

4. FY 2012 Officer Election. Ms. Mirro reported that Commissioner Jon Ford has agreed to have his name put into nomination for Commission Chair beginning July 1, 2011; also Commissioner Karen Ellerbrook has agreed to be nominated for a second term as Vice-Chair, and Commissioner Judy Hess has agreed to be nominated for a second term as Secretary. Other nominations from the floor will be entertained at the next meeting of the full Commission on June 30.

5. Commissioner Appointments Update. Mr. Ricci presented a handout (attached) showing the latest nominees for the office of Commissioner which have been forwarded to the Governor’s office. The current vacancy is that of Irene Smith-King, who completed two terms as Commissioner in June 2010. Commissioners Jeanne Mirro and Dick Stifel will complete their second terms in June 2011, and Commissioner Earl Williams has announced that he will decline appointment to a second term.

6. Partnership Issues. Mr. Ricci reported that preliminary meetings have been held with organizations interested in becoming a future Regional Arts Partner, namely: Vanderburgh Community Foundation (Region 10), Ivy Tech (Region 8), and Butler University (Region 7). He also briefly discussed the idea of re-drawing some regional lines to more efficiently deliver services.

7. Upcoming Initiative Meetings. Mr. Ricci reported that plans are under way to host a Strategic Plan “rollout” meeting that would include all of IAC’s extended family of partners, and would be held sometime later this year. He also wants to meet with all of the Regional Arts Partners to discuss re-drawing of Regional lines. Also in the works is a second meeting of the Foundation Roundtable, which found success in its first meeting arranged by Commissioner Karen Ellerbrook. And Mr. Ricci wants to invite all current and former IAC Commissioners to a reunion meeting, also to be held later this year.

8. Governor’s Election 2012. Mr. Ricci expounded on the importance of arranging introductory meetings with candidates for the 2012 gubernatorial election. Ms. Mirro added that “talking points” will be an important part of strategically placing IAC in the plans of the Governor-elect. Mr. Stifel suggested that meetings with legislators from both parties who have supported IAC in the past would also be desirable prior to the election season.

9. **Old Business/New Business.** Ms. Ellerbrook expressed the gratitude of the entire Commission to Ms. Mirro and Mr. Stifel, who will both complete their second terms as Commissioner on June 30. The committee agreed to convene again briefly prior to the June 30 meeting of the full Commission, to formally approve minutes and the FY 2012 budget recommendation.

10. **Adjourn.** Ms. Mirro thanked everyone for their participation and closed the meeting at 12:10 p.m.